CHAPTER 7 :
FRIENDS

READ THIS WAY

CAPTAIN MORGAN'S BEEN DEFEATED!!!

THE CAPTAIN LOST!!!

TA—DA

CHEEN

...?

ANY OF YOU STILL WANT TO CAPTURE US!?

BANZAI FOR THE NAVY!!

MORGAN'S REIGN OF TERROR IS OVER!!

WE'RE FREE!!

HOORAY!!

YEAAAAAH!!!

...CAPTAIN MORGAN WAS RULING BY FEAR!!

THAT MEANS...

THEY'RE HAPPY WE DEFEATED THEIR CAPTAIN.

HMPH!

ZOLO!?

ZOLO!!

SWISH!!

NOT EATING FOR NINE DAYS WAS WORSE THAN I THOUGHT!!!

PHEW!

UMPH! I'M STUFFED!!

STARE

STARE

HA HA HA!

MNCH MNCH

IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO! YOU THREE SAVED THE WHOLE TOWN!!

IT'S KIND OF YOU TO FEED ME ALONG WITH THE HEROES, MA'AM!

FUNNY... YOU SEEM EVEN HUNGRIER THAN ME!

SEE, YOU'D NEVER HAVE SURVIVED THE WHOLE MONTH!

MNCH MNCH

WHAT'S NEXT?

SO...

AND I'M GOING TO BECOME A LOT GREATER!

YEAH, I'M KINDA GREAT!

TWINKLE

WOW, YOU'RE GREAT!

!!!?

WE'RE HEADED FOR THE GRAND LINE!

THE MOST BLOODTHIRSTY PIRATES IN THE WORLD ARE THERE!!!

THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF YOU! IF YOU GO THERE, YOU'LL JUST BE SAILING TO YOUR DEATHS!

HUH!?

THAT'S SUICIDE!!!

WHAT'S IT TO YOU? YOU'RE NOT COMING WITH US.

ZOLO!? YOU **AGREE** WITH HIM!?

...THE GRAND LINE IS WHERE WE HAVE TO GO.

WELL, I GUESS IF WE'RE AFTER THE "**ONE PIECE**"...

READ THIS WAY

...WE'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?

LUFFY, WE HAVEN'T KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR VERY LONG, BUT...

CAN'T I WORRY ABOUT... MY FRIENDS?

BAM SLAM

NO, BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I--

IS THAT SO WRONG!?

...BUT WE'LL ALWAYS BE FRIENDS!!

WE'RE GOING OUR SEPARATE WAYS...

EVEN I WOULDN'T STICK UP FOR ME!

NO ONE ELSE EVER STUCK UP FOR ME!

YOU'RE THE FIRST REAL FRIEND I'VE EVER HAD...

YOU TAUGHT ME TO FIGHT FOR WHAT I BELIEVE IN!!!

BUT THE TWO OF YOU...

I'M TRYING TO CONVINCE YOU THAT IT'S TOO RECKLESS!!

WAIT! THAT'S NOT WHAT I--

MAKES SENSE TO ME.

THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO THE GRAND LINE!

WATCH OUT FOR THE NAVY'S INTELLIGENCE.

IF THEY FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND, THEY WON'T LET YOU ENLIST.

YOU WERE CABIN BOY ON ALVIDA'S PIRATE SHIP FOR TWO YEARS.

HUH?

WHAT ABOUT ***YOUR*** PLANS?

HUH?

K REEK!!

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EXCUSE ME...

WHICH MAKES ME A GENUINE PIRATE CAPTAIN!

THAT'S RIGHT. I EVEN HAVE A CREWMAN NOW!

...COR-RECT?

MARINE

YOU GENTLE-MEN ARE PIRATES...

HOWEVER. WE'RE STILL NAVAL MARINES...

...AND WE CAN'T SHELTER PIRATES.

UM... YOU SAVED OUR BASE AND THIS TOWN...

...AND WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL TO YOU.

YOU HATED MORGAN AS MUCH AS WE DID!!!

NAVY PIGS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

GRR GRR

THEY'RE YOUR SAVIORS, TOO!

BUT TO SHOW OUR GRATI-TUDE, WE WON'T REPORT YOU TO THE NAVY.

MARINE

I'M SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE.

YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?

LUFFY...

...

I GUESS WE'LL BE GOING, THEN...

MA'AM, THANKS FOR THE MEAL...

...!!

WSH...

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I'M...

I'M...

HUH?

AREN'T YOU GOING WITH THEM?

MARINE

I'M NOT ONE OF THEM!!!

I...

WE'RE GOING OUR SEPARATE WAYS, BUT WE'LL ALWAYS BE FRIENDS!

EXCUSE ME, PIRATES?

...!

...

IS THAT TRUE?

MARINE

LUFFY!?

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO...

GASP!

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I KNOW ALL ABOUT HIS PAST...

LET ME EXPLAIN.

IF THEY FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND, THEY WON'T LET YOU ENLIST...

GASP!

LUFFY, DON'T...

AND A BIG PIRATE WOMAN...

SEE, THERE WAS THIS SECRET ISLAND...

...HER NAME WAS ALVIDA...

LUFFY!!
DON'T!!

AND FOR TWO YEARS, THIS GUY...

SHE WAS REALLY MEAN...

MARI

...

HYAK

SHUT UP!!!

!!?

MARINE

MARINE

...!!

...

HUF

HUF

...!!!

WHAM

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WHY, YOU--!!

STOP DISTURBING THE PEACE!!

ENOUGH!

AND THIS!!

FWAK THWAK

TAKE THAT!

BAM

RSSk

THAT'S ENOUGH.

HEY, HEY...

PLEASE, LEAVE TOWN! NOW!!!

MARINE

IT'S CLEAR THAT YOU'RE NOT FRIENDS!!!

DID HE GOAD ME INTO HITTING HIM!?

WAS THAT HIS PLAN!?

...!!!

SWISH

CATCH US IF YOU CAN!

SWISH

GASP!

...I STILL DEPEND ON HIS HELP!!!

HE DID IT AGAIN!! IN THE END...

MARINE

FWIP

IF I DON'T DEPEND ON MYSELF FROM NOW ON, THEN I AM A LOSER!!!

HELPLESS!?

WHAT AM I...

I'LL BE A CABIN BOY, OR ANYTHING, BUT JUST LET ME JOIN!!!

PLEASE LET ME JOIN THE NAVY, SIR!!!

I'M GONNA DO IT!! I'M GONNA DO IT!!!

WE SHOULD DO A THOROUGH BACK-GROUND CHECK ON HIM.

PIRATES HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO PLANT SPIES IN THE NAVY.

...

I STILL DON'T TRUST HIM!

LIEUTENANT! I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!

I'M GONNA BE A NAVY OFFICER!!!

I'M NO PIRATE!!

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR!!

YES SIR!

YOU'RE ACCEP-TED...

TP TP

MANY OF MY FELLOW SAILORS HAVE BEEN KILLED BY PIRATES...

DON'T TAKE BEING A SAILOR LIGHTLY.

READ THIS WAY

IT'S ALL UP TO KOBY, NOW. HE'LL GET IN SOMEHOW!

I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THEY SAW THROUGH IT.

THAT WAS SOME PRETTY BAD ACTING...

HAHAHA. I GUESS THAT'S TRUE!

WELL, IT'S A GOOD TIME TO BE LEAVING...

EVERYBODY HATES US... THAT'S THE WAY PIRATES SHOULD LEAVE A TOWN...

LUFFY!!!

MARINE

L-LU--

L-LU--

KOBY!

I'LL NEVER FORGET ALL YOU DID FOR ME!!!

FWIP!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CAP'N LUFFY!

WE'LL MEET AGAIN, KOBY!!

HA HA HA!

THIS IS A NEW ONE. A PIRATE BEING SALUTED BY THE NAVY!

FWIP!!

HUH!?

MARINE

'TEN-SHUN!

HOORAY!!!

AS PUNISHMENT, WE WON'T GET ANY DINNER FOR ONE WEEK!

FWIP!

YES, SIR!

NOW, IT'S AGAINST REGULATIONS TO SALUTE PIRATES LIKE WE JUST DID.

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YES, SIR.

YOU'VE GOT SOME GOOD FRIENDS, SAILOR.

TO THE GRAND LINE!!!

...NEITHER OF THEM REALIZING THAT THEY'VE MADE ONE SERIOUS MISTAKE...

WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

LUFFY AND HIS FIRST CREWMAN (THE FORMER, INFAMOUS, DEMONIC PIRATE HUNTER ZOLO) SET SAIL...

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